



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***JUNE 4, 2001
12:15 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Harris was absent.

A report of the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel on a matter of probable litigation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #132

A report of the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel on a matter of pending litigation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #132

A communication from the Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the performance of two Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #132

A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

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**THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS DECLARED
IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBER.**



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- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Harris was absent.**

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTv Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, June 7, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 9, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PACKAGE ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS THE AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT www.roanokegov.com, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541 TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

PRESENTATIONS:

A RESOLUTION memorializing the late William S. Hubbard, former Roanoke City Council Member.

Adopted Resolution No. 35372-060401. (6-0)
File #80-132-367

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing on a proposed resolution authorizing the City to contract a debt and to issue general obligation public improvement bonds of the City (and in anticipation of the issuance thereof general obligation public improvement bond anticipation notes of the City), in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of a public improvement project of and for the City, consisting of capital improvements to the Roanoke Civic Center.

Adopted Resolution No. 35373-060401. (6-0)
Council Member Wyatt requested that the City Manager report on the timetable for completion of one of the exhibit halls at the Roanoke Civic Center and the funding mechanism.
File #53-192

2. CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 6-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of the special sessions of Roanoke City Council held on Monday, April 23, 2001; the regular meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2001, and recessed until Thursday, May 10, 2001, for the Second Annual Leadership Summit; and the regular meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from Robert E. Tonkinson, Jr., tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan, effective June 30, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the communication and accept the resignation.

File #15-110-429

- C-3 A communication from the City Manager recommending that a public hearing be advertised for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in connection with a request of the Blue Ridge Small Business Development Center for tax exempt status.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.

File #79-169

- C-4 Qualification of Minnis E. Ridenhour as a Commissioner of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for a term ending February 24, 2005.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

File #15-110-247

REGULAR AGENDA

- 3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.**
- 4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. A communication recommending acceptance of a grant from the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, in the amount of \$20,000.00, for implementation of a Trespassing Tracking System.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35374-060401 and Resolution No. 35375-060401. (6-0)
File #5-178-472

2. A communication recommending acceptance of the donation of the 1218 Locomotive from the Shenandoah Virginia Foundation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation, for display at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

Adopted Resolution No. 35376-060401. (6-0)
File #68-223-229

3. A communication from the City Manager recommending appropriation of \$28,568.00, in connection with the Federally Forfeited Property Sharing Program.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35377-060401. (6-0)
File 35-60-236

4. A communication recommending appropriation of \$34,000.00 for repayment of 85 positions, in connection with an agreement between the City, First Union National Bank and the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium relating to jobs in Enterprise Zone One.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35378-060401. (6-0)
File #60-246-369-450

5. A communication recommending deappropriation of \$450,000.00 in state Industrial Access Funds, in connection with the Johnson and Johnson Offsite Improvements Project.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35379-060401. (6-0)
File #207-450

6. A communication recommending appropriation of \$315,000.00 from the Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Program for equipment purchases, maintenance and other one-time priority purchases.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35380-060401. (6-0)
File #60-270-472

7. A communication recommending transfer of \$1,102,328.00 to cover workers' compensation wage and medical claims in departmental workers' compensation accounts.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35381-060401. (6-0)
File #63-184

8. A communication recommending execution of a lease agreement with First Campbell Square, LLC, for 2,200 square feet of space at First Campbell Square, 210 First Street, S. W., for use as a computer lab for training purposes by the VISSTA Program; and appropriation of \$30,984.00 in connection therewith.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35382-060401 and
Resolution No. 35383-060401. (6-0)
File #72-373

9. A communication recommending appropriation of \$7,701.00 in connection with acceptance of a grant from the State Department of Rehabilitative Services to the Fifth District Disability Services Board to be used by the Brain Injury Association of Virginia for an educational program in the Roanoke area.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35384-060401. (6-0)

Council Member Wyatt suggested that law enforcement officers and attorneys receive educational training with regard to persons suffering from brain trauma.

File #5-60-236-326-438

10. A communication recommending amendment of the City Code and the Fee Compendium to reflect a new refundable damage/clean-up deposit of \$200.00 for events serving alcohol and \$100.00 for events not serving alcohol at certain City locations.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35385-060401. (5-1, Council Member Hudson voted no.)

File #24-67-289

11. A communication recommending acceptance of a bid submitted by Cycle Systems, Inc., for recycling services of paper, bottle and can commodities, and rejecting all other bids received by the City.

Adopted Resolution No. 35386-060401. (6-0)

File #144-282

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of April, 2001.

Received and filed.

File #1-10

2. A report in connection with transfers to Internal Service Fund budgets.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35387-060401. (6-0)
File #60

3. A report recommending transfer of funds in connection with employee fringe benefits.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35388-060401. (6-0)
File #60-184

4. A report recommending amendment of the electric and natural gas consumer utility tax, to provide for a payment date as specified in Section 58.1-2901, Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35389-060401. (6-0)
File #24-79-330

5. A report in connection with the annual operating budget of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for fiscal year 2002.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35390-060401 and
Resolution No. 35391-060401. (6-0)
File #60-247

6. A report recommending appropriation of funds in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and HOME program income from the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and CDBG miscellaneous program income.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35392-060401. (6-0)
File #178-236

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

8. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

9. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Hudson expressed concern in connection with a motion adopted by Council on Monday, May 21, 2001, with regard to acquiring land across Orange Avenue from the Roanoke Civic Center for construction of a multi-purpose facility (stadium and amphitheatre), at a project cost not to exceed \$18 million. He stated that since he is rarely absent from City Council meetings, out of professional courtesy, the vote should have been deferred until all members of Council were in attendance.

File #122

Council Member Bestpitch advised that he attended the Annual Conference of Neighborhoods USA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 23 - 26, 2001, and commended the young people who represented the City of Roanoke at the Conference.

File #80-165-488

Council Member Wyatt commended City staff for their assistance in connection with a tour of certain City facilities by second grade students from Westside Elementary School on May 23, 2001.

File #80-467

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

10. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0)

David A. Morgan and Billie Abshire were reappointed and Kenneth King was appointed as members of the City of Roanoke Transportation Safety Commission for terms ending October 31, 2004.

File #15-20-110

Wendi Wagner was appointed as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term ending May 31, 2004.

File #15-110-304